

The Man Who Told the Truth

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Frederic Stratton, musical critic of a city paper, sat listening to the voice of the liberally advertised Lenora Wardelle.

Beautiful, she certainly was, as proclaimed; of her heralded riches, as the orphan heiress of the late Simon Wardelle, South African diamond owner, he had no doubt. But as to her voice, which had conquered the critics of other cities, it was in his opinion, entirely unworthy of the favorable comment it had received. From information which by reason of his position he was able to obtain, he knew of the enormous expenditure upon her training in Paris and the rivaling sum she had spent in advertising her tour.

By the time he had heard her second and third numbers Stratton, with the quick grasp of an intelligent mind which knows its subject, was convinced that she had bought her way to fame.

That she was possessed of an exceedingly engaging personality, he became keenly aware when later in the evening at a supper given for her he found himself next to her. This privilege he enjoyed by reason of his paper's prestige.

The evening proved most disconcerting. What right had he to cover sincerity from the soft Madonna



Skimmed Quickly Over the Article.

eyes as they smiled graciously into his? Was he not soon to be married to another? And yet, try as he would, he could not suppress a feeling of disappointment that the kindness she showed him was given to the critic—not the man. Had he been more of an egotist he might have discerned the admiration mingled with the smiles accorded him in the many upward glances.

Stratton left her that night with a burning sense of discomfort. He found himself reluctant to give the public an adverse criticism of her, and yet such was plainly his duty. What delight would have been his in voicing the praise of the other critics! At the last moment he sent in his copy, handled as skillfully as he could and yet give the public the truth as he saw it.

It was well toward morning before he fell into a troubled sleep; in fact, it was almost the same hours that Miss Wardelle's maid Lizette, procured the morning paper for her mistress. Never could Lizette remember such impatience.

Hastily finding the critic's corner, the young singer at first skimmed quickly over the article she sought. The words seemed to sear her very brain as she encountered "restricted vocal powers," "sympathetic tones with conscientious treatment," "A quality of voice which compelled the audience to confine herself to simple ballads and lullabies, rather than concert arias and such technical display."

Again and again she read it—each time more carefully—until finally she gave way to uncontrollable sobs. Nor could Lizette tempt her with breakfast.

When later in the day, from very excess of sympathy after reading the criticism, Lizette flashed:

"Monsieur is indeed a brute to write so!"

"No, Lizette"—her mistress, now by this time indignantly calm—"he is the one man who has told the truth!"

"The truth! And should mad-

emoiselle waste her superb voice in lullabies?" Her scorn fell full upon the last word.

"We'll say no more about it, Lizette." The quiet tone was none the less decisive, and Lenora Wardelle, under the protective cover of the elastic word "temperament," cancelled her other engagements and sailed for France without knowing that the critic who had dared to tell the truth lost his position because of the article against one who had spent so liberally for advertisement in the paper he represented.

Frederic Stratton, now editor of a prospering magazine, had brought his four-year-old son, a cripple, to Paris that he might have the care of a certain celebrated surgeon.

The same scrupulous principle which had cost the former critic so dearly six years ago in adhering to the courage of his conviction concerning Lenora Wardelle's voice had commanded him to marry the girl to whom he was pledged at that time. She had died at the birth of their only child, but the sadness which now sat in his eyes spoke rather of a happiness which had eluded him instead of something lost.

As he left his hotel for the hospital where the boy was undergoing treatment his mind dwelt with annoying persistency upon Lenora Wardelle. Here in Paris all of the old longing he had fought so hard these years to smother seemed to burst from the smolder he now knew had always existed into a dogged flame.

Would she see him if he made an effort? Had she forgiven him and understood the moral compulsion under which he had spoken the truth? Something told him that she had.

The distinguished-looking American father to the motherless little boy held more than a passing interest to the nurses of St. Croix hospital, and in their supposition that he knew no French they spoke with unguarded admiration concerning his clear cut features and the erect bearing.

"You can go right in, monsieur," the nurse bade him in very good English. "But walk softly," she cautioned, "for mademoiselle was singing him to sleep a little while ago."

"What mademoiselle?" Stratton questioned.

"Why the mademoiselle who sings for all of the children every Sunday afternoon." Her eyes sparkled with the zest awakened in confiding a bit of gossip. "They say she had some great disappointment—gave up the stage and devotes her beautifully trained voice to singing simple songs and lullabies to the children in all the hospitals. She's taken a particular fancy to your boy," she added. "Today's the first time she's seen him and she's been back to him twice."

"Indeed?" Stratton remarked, disappointed that she should happen to be there at the very time he had chosen to visit the child.

In the hope that she had by this time left, he walked quickly down the corridor, but as he neared the room he heard a soft crooning. Suddenly something stirred within him! Then softly he turned the knob until the door opened slightly ajar. The picture before him quickened his pulse throbs almost to suffocation, for there, over his sleeping child bent Lenora Wardelle more lovely than ever in her maturity—fulfilling the mission he had destined for her—crooning a lullaby.

CRUEL CRITICISM.

Languid Lawrence—Rampant rainbows! Where did youse raise de colored supplement, bo?

Ambling Archibald (loftily)—Referrin' to my an fat neckwear, I presume? Why, a gent staked me to de tie.

Languid Lawrence—Well, it mighta been worse—he mighta reversed de punishment.

Ambling Archibald (puzzled)—How's dat?

Languid Lawrence—Tied youse to de stake!

MRS. RICKER PROPHESES.

Mrs. Marilla Ricker of Dover, N. H., who aspires to be the governor of that state, says that within ten years suffrage will be universal, and that 20 women will be candidates of as many states. It would be interesting to know what states she has in mind.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

On account of rain the annual meeting was postponed until Saturday at 3 p. m. The Union will meet at the home of Mrs. J. P. Westbay. Reports of year, election of officers, payment of dues and pledges are some of the items of interest for this meeting. All members and friends are requested to be present. Those who have given their names for membership are earnestly invited to come. Bring a friend. Make this the best meeting of the year.

We will send two contestants from Monett to contest for the gold medal at the W. C. T. U. convention to be held at Mt. Vernon the coming week. Miss Eunice Horine of the Plymouth school and Miss Ruth Jarrett of the High school.

A W. C. T. U. was organized at the Waldensian Presbyterian church, Monday, by Mrs. May L. Wood.

The L. T. L. of Monett, is requested to meet at 3 p. m. Sunday at the M. E. Church. All come and pay dues, 10 cents for the year.

The State W. C. T. U. will convene at Chillicothe, Mo., September 28-30, 1910. Great preparations are made to make this a great convention.

We are very sorry to learn that some one has been so unkind as to break the faucets off our W. C. T. U. fountain.

Press Reporter for W. C. T. U.

MORMONS FIND HAVEN IN MEXICO

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 7.—Hamilton Smith, a priest of the Mormon church, who participated in the close of a sale of 50,000 acres of land for the Mormons in the state of Coahuila that President Diaz had assured the church that polygamy and all other practices of the church will be permitted without interference in Mexico.

Doctor Smith also states that his people will abandon Utah in the not far distant future, and settle in Mexico, where they will not be prosecuted for their religion and its practices.

He declares the United States have gone out of their way in passing unreasonable and unjust laws to deprive the Mormons of their rights.

The Mormons already own 65,000 acres of land and have a well-established colony in Mexico adjoining the 50,000 acres just acquired. They hold options on many thousand acres which extend to the Rio Grande river on the east.

FRISCO MUST PAY BIG DAMAGES

Ozark, Mo., Sept. 7.—J. O. Sampson of Springfield was awarded a verdict of \$8,500 against the Frisco railroad here today by a jury in the circuit court, the trial occurring before Judge John T. Moore.

The verdict was given for injuries received by Sampson while performing his duties as an employee of the road, one of his hands being badly hurt. T. M. Seavell and Thomas Moore of Springfield were attorneys for the plaintiff and John H. Lucas of Kansas City represented the Frisco. The case was brought here on a change of venue from Polk county.

BRIDEGROOM INFORMALLY GAY

Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 7.—Twelve hours after he had appeared before Justice of the Peace Fishback, who performed the marriage ceremony uniting him with Mrs. Lena Robertson, Ben F. Morris again appeared before the same official at 10 o'clock this morning to answer a charge of drawing a revolver on his new mother-in-law.

Morris, apparently elated by his position as head of the house, whipped his step-daughter and is said to have drawn a revolver on the girl's mother and grandmother when they tried to interfere.

SUNNYSIDE

Plenty of rain at present. The ground is too wet for plowing.

There are several of our young people that entered High School at Monett this term. We are glad to see them taking such an interest in school work.

John Courdin and family spent Sunday at D. P. Courdin's near Pioneer.

Miss Lena Combs is visiting in Peirce City this week.

Paul Reynaud and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ami Reynaud.

Mrs. May Woods, of Mt. Vernon gave a temperance lecture at the Waldensian Church Sunday night. She was sent as a representative of the W. C. T. U. and is trying to form an organization at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lantaret spent Sunday with relatives in Monett.

Miss Emma Combs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Lantaret in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Miss Lorena Tucker was the guest of Miss Winnie Long Sunday.

Mrs. E. Armand is spending a few days at Eureka Springs.

H. E. Long and E. W. Combs were out buying cows for their dairy, one day this week.

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CASSVILLE NEWS

From the Republican.

W. H. Lipe of Monett, was here Tuesday.

Chas. Vaughn of Monett has been visiting here this week.

A. G. Benbest of Monett was down after a load of fruit Tuesday.

J. S. Moudy, city assessor of Monett, was attending county court Monday.

The county court was in session Monday as a board of equalization adjusting merchants' taxes.

County Engineer Robbins is recovering from an attack of appendicitis and will soon be able to attend to the duties of his office again.

A number of Barry county farmers are planning to store away their sound apples and hold them till winter and spring. This suggests cold storage buildings. They are another great need in this county.

George Callaway is at work on the Carthage Democrat at Carthage. He was in Cassville Sunday. He will move his family to Carthage about November. George is a good printer and we wish him well in his new location.

Roy Pierce of Purdy completed a sixty day sentence in the county jail Thursday upon a charge of petit larceny. Sheriff Newman was ready to discharge him from the jail Thursday morning when he was searched under suspicion for a ring which had been missed by another prisoner. A close examination revealed that Pierce had the ring in his mouth. He was again placed under arrest and taken before Squire Horine who fined him \$10. Pierce being unable to pay the fine and costs is enjoying another term in jail.

METHODIST MINISTERS ASSIGNED BY JAMES

Rev. C. C. James, superintendent of the Springfield district of the Methodist Episcopal church, has announced two changes in the pastors of the district. Rev. Everett Simpson of Neosho Falls goes to Mt. Vernon to take the place vacant by the assignment of Rev. G. J. Hunt to Rolla, which place was vacated recently by the sending of Rev. T. P. Schaffer to the Benton Avenue M. E. church here. Rev. Walter Ross has resigned the pastorate at Billings to retire from the ministry and Rev. H. F. Dorcas of Center Junction, Ia., will succeed him.—Springfield Leader.

J. Thomas returned Wednesday night from a business trip to Burlington, Ia., where he purchased a couple of car loads of furniture for the fall trade.

TOWNSEND WINS BY 25,000

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 7.—Indications today are that Representative Charles F. Townsend's majority over United States Senator J. C. Burrows in yesterday's primary election contest for Republican indorsement for United States Senator will approach 25,000.

GAYNOR DECIDES TO RUN

St. James, L. I., Sept. 7.—That Mayor Gaynor will accept the nomination for Governor of New York, if it be unconditional and made by a united party, was positively announced by one of the Mayor's friends and foremost political advisers after a brief visit to St. James this evening.

NEOSHO MAN DIES AT RILEY

Junction City, Kan., Sept. 7.—Corporal Charles Heitz, of the Second regiment, National Guard of Missouri, died of heart disease this morning while at drill at the Fort Riley Camp of instructions. The body will be sent to his home at Neosho, Mo., for burial.

IMMUNE

"I never worry about my health any more."

"How lucky you are. Don't you ever feel ill?"

"Oh, yes, often; but I've had all the operations it is possible to undergo."—Chicago Record Herald.

FRISCO EARNINGS

The following are the earnings for the Frisco, according to a report which has just been received: July—gross, \$8,343,662; increase, \$88,765; net, \$964,352; decrease, \$72,135. Operating income—gross, \$8,17,093; decrease, \$88,164.

Licensed to Wed

Samuel Keeling	Purdy
Guillermo Jones	Purdy
W. A. Herington	Huntsville, Ark.
Clara Bingham	Monett
Elmer Reading	Seligman
Nola B. Reed	Seligman
Robert B. Murray	Purdy
Tennie O. Mourhan	Monett
Harry L. Etter	Monett
Mary Long	Purdy

OPERA HOUSE MANAGER

Lawson Jeffries will have the management of the opera house during the theatrical season. He informs us that he has been able to book some very fine attractions for this place.

There was an oppressive silence in the parlor. At last the desperate young lady broke out. "George," asked she, "why don't you propose?"

"Somehow—somehow. I can't bring myself to do it. Myrtle," blurted the young man.

"It's only a short sentence, George."

"It's a sentence for life!" Judge.

SMALL WRECK

As passenger train No. 312 pulled in from the west Monday evening, the puzzle switch was misplaced and the front trucks of a coach and back trucks of a baggage car were derailed. The train was running slow and there was no great damage done.

James H. Searr of the New York weather bureau said on a hot and blazing day:

"I overheard a timely dialogue this morning between two women."

"Your husband," said the first, "has such a sunny disposition, hasn't he?"

"Yes, regular July sunny," was the reply. "You've really no idea how hot he makes it for me."—New York Tribune.

Every town in Southwest Missouri has an increased school attendance. This may mean a depletion of the forest reserve if the pupils don't behave.—Springfield Republican.

EDITORIAL MEETING

The Republican Editorial Association will hold their annual meeting in St. Louis Friday and Saturday September 23 and 24.

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**Mrs. Fannie Martin
and Daughter**